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21 October 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Record

SUBJECT : Executive Secretary, CS Historical Board Meeting with DDP at 1500, 20 October 1969

PREFACE: 25X1

On 16 October, I had submitted to the DDP via [redacted] a memorandum outlining problems affecting the Clandestine Service Historical Program occasioned by the creation of the Agency Historical Staff. This memorandum, a copy of which is attached as Tab A, was returned to me by [redacted] on the morning of 17 October with the statement that, in his discussions with the DDP the previous evening, the DDP "did not buy it" but wanted to discuss the matter with me. This led to the Subject meeting. 25X1

THE MEETING:

The DDP asked me if any new problems had arisen with regard to the CS Historical Program since his meeting with Colonel White on 8 October, the results of which the DDP recorded in his memorandum of that date. (A copy of this memorandum is attached as Tab B.) I replied that to my knowledge there had been no change, but asked the DDP whether he had read my memorandum of 16 October (Tab A). He said he had not, but wanted to discuss the matter with me. I told him that my memorandum, reflecting the attitude of the CS Historical Board, recommended that an effort be made to persuade the Executive Director-Comptroller to establish the Agency Historical Staff as a true staff, leaving to the various directorates the responsibility for implementing their historical programs in consonance with guidelines to be

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established by the Chief, Historical Staff. The second course of action mentioned in the 16 October memorandum reiterated the agreement which the DDP had already reached with the Executive Director-Comptroller which would limit Historical Staff access to CS documents to the Chief and Deputy Chief, Historical Staff only. I pointed out, however, that even this limitation would give us no assurance that the Chief, HS, or his deputy, who, under present ground rules, are entitled to see any CS History, would not, on gaining access to a CS paper, refer it to the HS Editor for his comment.

Mr. Karamessines asked what had happened to give me the impression that his agreement with Colonel White would not be honored. I replied that I had no knowledge of any specific development to that effect, except the series of telephone calls made by the Chief, HS, to exclude me from his forthcoming meeting with the DDP on 23 October.

Mr. Karamessines stated that he was in no position to accept my first recommendation which involved a retrogression from the status quo, but that he would call Colonel White to ascertain whether he had relayed their oral agreement of 8 October to Chief, HS. This he did in my presence. Colonel White assured him that he had indeed transmitted this message to Chief, HS, who appeared to accept it without question. Thereafter, the DDP assured me that in his 23 October meeting with Chief, HS, he would emphasize in the strongest terms possible his concern about the sensitivity of CS Histories and the absolute need to restrict access thereto to a very minimum number of persons, to wit: the Chief and Deputy Chief of the Historical Staff and those writers of DCI Histories who have a need to see particular papers or portions thereof. The DDP also stated that he would acknowledge to Chief, HS, his opinion that [redacted] and, now, the undersigned were in a most anomalous position in that they were obligated to safeguard the security of CS papers pursuant to his orders and, at the same time, had to try to satisfy the needs of the overall Agency Historical Program. 25X1

NEW SUBJECT:

I told Mr. Karamessines that we had a real need for a second editor to handle what appeared to be an increasing flow of CS Histories from the various components. I told him that I had been working very closely with [redacted] and members of his staff in an effort to identify a man with suitable qualifications to fill this position. I emphasized 25X1

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that the problem was compounded by the fact that we had no slot to accommodate such an editor except for the money
25X1 provided in [redacted] for a contract type. I asked if he could possibly reconsider his decision not to approve the
25X1 renewal of [redacted] contract. Mr. Karamessines replied that this was not possible under the present circumstances requiring a reduction of our personnel stationed overseas. He stated that he could not understand why CSPS could not find, from the lists of returning personnel, someone qualified to do the editing job and asked me to relay his opinion to
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Executive Secretary
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